



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 153

LCO No. 583

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT PROVIDING A SAFE HARBOR FOR EXPLOITED CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of prostitution when such person engages or
4 agrees or offers to engage in sexual conduct with another person in
5 return for a fee.

6 (b) In any prosecution for an offense under this section, it shall be an
7 affirmative defense that the actor was coerced into committing such
8 offense by another person in violation of section 53a-192a.

9 (c) In any prosecution of a person under the age of seventeen for an
10 offense under this section, there shall be a presumption that the actor
11 was coerced into committing such offense by another person in
12 violation of section 53a-192a.

13 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Prostitution is a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	53a-82
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a presumption in prosecution of a person under the age of seventeen for prostitution that such person was a victim of the crime of trafficking in persons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]